

REMARKS

Claims 8-28 are allowed, and claims 1-7 and 29-40 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement. By the present amendment, claims 1-7 and 29-40 have been canceled.

Applicants note a discrepancy in the list of allowable claims on page 1, Box 5, as compared to the list of allowable claims indicated on page 2 under "Allowable Subject Matter." More specifically, on page 1, Box 5, claims 8-28 are indicated as containing allowable subject matter. And, on page 2 under "Allowable Subject Matter," claims 8-18 are indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

In an interview with Examiner Son Luu Mai, on August 11, 2003, the Examiner indicated that claims 8-28 listed on page 1, Box 5, are correct. In addition, the Examiner indicated that there is a typo on page 2, under "Allowable Subject Matter," claims 8-28 should have been listed instead of claims 8-18 in order to properly correspond with the list of allowable claims indicated on page 1, Box 5, of the present Office Action.

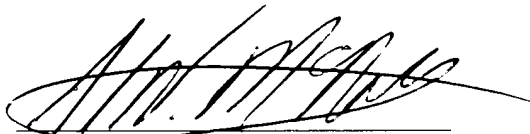
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 8-28 are allowed.

The Examiner has also indicated that above-identified application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 1-7 and 29-40 to non-elected species with traverse, and the Applicants are given one month or thirty days from the date of the Office Action, whichever is longer, to cancel the noted claims.

Claims 1-7 and 29-40 have been canceled without prejudice, as essentially recommended by the Examiner.

The Examiner's indication that the application is in condition for allowance (except for the above formal matters) is gratefully acknowledged. In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'T. W. McNally', written over a horizontal line.

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